

R E P O R T

OF THE

General Relief Committee,

Independent Order of Odd Fellows,

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.,

FOR THE TERM

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*To the N. G's, V. G's, Officers and Members of
Lodges comprising Districts Nos. 1 and 2, I. O. O. F.,
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.*

SIRS AND BROTHERS,—Your committee appointed at the commencement of the above term by the seven subordinate Lodges in the above districts, beg leave to submit the following report :

January 1st. The first meeting of the term being on January 1st, and before any of the new delegates had received their certificates, the business of said meeting was transacted by the committee of last term ; and, as appears by report of last term, there was on the hands of the committee Bro. A. R., of Petaluma Lodge, No. 30, sick.

There was also reported on this date to your committee, a Mrs. H., who is the widow of an Odd Fellow, and having the care of an invalid son, and that she was in destitute circumstances. Your committee, after investigating the case, and finding her to be in actual distress and a subject deserving of our charity, voted her a donation of Fifty Dollars.

January 8th. The present delegates were all present, and after presenting their certificates, proceeded to elect officers,

when Bro. A. Maltbie, of Templar Lodge, No. 17, was elected President ; Bro. James Beuson, of Yerba Buena Lodge, No. 15, Secretary ; and P. G., Bro. A. Himmelman, of Harmony Lodge, No. 13, Treasurer.

On this date, a Bro. M. was reported in destitute circumstances, and requested relief. After a proper investigation of his case, he was reported to be a worthy Brother, and in distress, and a donation of Ten Dollars voted to him as a means of subsistence until he could gain employment. The Brother delivered to this committee his note in their favor, payable on demand, for Ten Dollars, promising to pay the same as soon as he was able.

January 15th. Bro. A. R., who has been sick from last term, proposed to embark for Peru, and as his means were very limited, and there being no prospect of his speedy recovery, a donation of Fifty Dollars was awarded to him. Bro. R. returned his sincere thanks to the committee for the care and attention which had been extended to him while under their care, and also for the munificent donation.

February 5th. Bro. R. T. applied for assistance in procuring a passage to new York, he having a letter of introduction from D. D. G. M., Samuel Cross to the R. W. Grand Secretary, for his influence in behalf of the Brother. Your committee took the case in hand, and succeeded in procuring a passage for Bro. T. at a very material reduction on current rates, and rendered to him such other relief as his case required.

Bro. G. W. D. was reported as being disabled at Dr. Cooper's hospital. A committee was appointed to visit him, and, on return, reported that the Brother said he was a member of Bidwell Lodge, No. 47, and from letters in his possession there was evidence that he had been receiving relief from members of said Lodge. Your committee, therefore, attended to him, and supplied his wants, and wrote immediately to Bidwell Lodge in relation to him ; and, after a delay of eight weeks, received advices that Brother D. had ceased to be a member of said Lodge in June, 1859, and, therefore, had no legitimate claim upon them for benefits ; also, that a collection had been taken up towards reimbursing this committee for what they had paid

to Bro. D. Having relieved the Brother so far, your committee did not feel justified in abandoning him, especially when it was known he would have to undergo the amputation of a limb, and have a good prospect of being restored to health and usefulness. We continued to grant him what relief his case required to May 13th, when another charitable institution volunteered to supply his future wants. We are happy to state that the brother is improving in health, but still under the care of your Committee. Whole amount of relief granted to Brother D. is eighty-five dollars, and we have received forty dollars from the members of Bidwell Lodge towards reimbursement.

Bro. A. J. F., of Piscataqua Lodge, No. 6, Portsmouth, N. H., was reported sick and in need of relief. He was attended to, and his necessities supplied, and remained under the care of your Committee three weeks, and had twenty-five dollars benefits paid him.

Brothers H. E. M. and S. F. applied for relief. They were in good health but utterly destitute, and solicited a small amount of pecuniary aid. Your Committee, after a rigid investigation of their circumstances, donated to each of them five dollars, the brothers promising to refund the same as soon as they could; and we are happy to announce that the amount donated to Bro. F. has been refunded to this Committee on May 20th, accompanied by a letter expressing his grateful thanks for the assistance granted him in the hour of need.

February 19th. Brother H. W., of Peter Fritz Lodge, No. 486, Pennsylvania, presented his card, and physician's certificate that he had been sick for six weeks, the brother being in good standing. Benefits were paid him to the amount of twenty-four dollars.

March 4th. Brother T. H., of Mercantile Lodge, No. 47, New York, was reported disabled with a lame hand. He received the attention and care required, and also ten dollars benefits.

March 11th. Brother W. D., of Covenant Lodge, No. 35, New York, was reported sick, and produced a certificate from his physician that he had been sick for six months, with dropsy. He has been attended to, and is still under the care of the Committee, with very slight hopes of a speedy recovery.

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March 19th. Brother M. L., of Oustomah Lodge, No. 16, was reported sick, and received our attention and care for two weeks, when he was so far recovered as to require no further assistance.

April 8th. Brother B. F. P., of Morning Star Lodge, No. 20, Cal., was reported as being dangerously ill at the Tremont House. Your Committee immediately procured a nurse, and such other assistance as his case required, but are sorry to state that the brother departed this life at about 12 o'clock the same night. A special session was called on the 9th inst., and arrangements made for the interment of his remains in Lone Mountain Cemetery, which was duly attended to by the Committee and several invited brothers, and his body committed to the grave with the rites and ceremonies of our beloved order appropriate for the occasion; and intelligence of the event properly forwarded to the Lodge of which he was a member.

April 8th. Brother A. W., of Madison Lodge, No. 98, Baltimore, Md., was reported disabled with a lame hand, and unable to work, and in need of relief. He remained under our care for three weeks, and received benefits according to his card,—when he was reported well.

April 15th. Brother S. was reported in destitute circumstances—that he was a miner, and had procured employment at Beltingham Bay, and had no means of paying his passage there, and desired a loan of this committee for that purpose. After a thorough investigation of the matter, and having confidence in the integrity of Bro. S., a loan of forty dollars was voted to him, for which he gave his note at ninety days, and which we have full hope will be honored at maturity.

April 29th. Brother P. M., of Stockton Lodge, No. 11, presented a certificate from Dr. E. S. Cooper that he had received an injury in the hand which disabled him from performing any manual labor, and stated that he was in need of relief. The Brother being in good standing, he was attended to, and remained under our care six weeks, when he was reported well.

May 20th. Bro. M. L., of Oustomah Lodge, No. 16, Cal., was reported sick; he has been attended to, and is still under the care of the committee.

June 24th. Up to this date there have been no new cases reported ; and are now remaining under the care of the committee, Bros. G. W. D., W. D., and M. L.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts.

Balance on hand from last term,.....	\$177 75
From Charity Lodge, No. 6, Stockton. Cal.,....	\$ 48 00
“ Petaluma Lodge, No. 30, Petaluma, Cal.,	113 00
“ Howard Lodge, No. 13, N. Orleans, La.,.	21 00
“ Oriental Lodge, No. 10, Boston, Mass.,...	18 00
“ Germania Lodge, No. 13, New York,....	62 50
“ Morning Star Lodge, No. 20, Placerville, Cal.,.....	69 00
“ Peter Fritz Lodge, No. 486, Penn.,.....	24 00
“ Oustomah Lodge, No. 16, Nevada, Cal.,..	38 00
“ Covenant Lodge, No. 35, New York,....	100 00
“ California Lodge, No. 1.....Assessment,	24 00
“ San Francisco Lodge, No. 3, “	25 25
“ Harmony Lodge, No. 13, “	34 75
“ Yerba Buena Lodge, No. 15, “	32 75
“ Templar Lodge, No. 17, “	28 00
“ Magnolia Lodge, No. 29. “	15 24
“ Bay City Lodge, No. 71, “	21 00
“ Bro. B. F. P., cash left by him.....	42 00
“ Oroville, on account of G. W. D.,.....	40 00
“ Fines,.....	5 50
“ Bro. S. F., donation refunded,.....	5 00
Total receipts for the term,.....	—\$767 00
Amount of receipts and old balance,.....	\$944 75

Disbursements.

Benefits paid Bro. A. R., 4 weeks,.....	\$ 28 00
“ “ “ A. J. F.....	25 00
“ “ “ G. W. D.,.....	85 00
Amount carried forward,	\$138 00

Amount brought forward,.....	\$138 00
Benefits paid Bro. H. W., 6 weeks,.....	26 25
“ “ “ W. D., 32 weeks,.....	160 00
“ “ “ T. H.,	10 00
“ “ “ M. L., payment of nurse,....	38 00
“ “ “ A. W., 3 weeks,.....	12 00
“ “ “ P. M., 6 weeks,.....	48 00
Total benefits paid,.....	——\$432 25
B. F. P., Funeral Expenses, &c.,.....	111 00
Donation to Mrs. H.,.....	\$50 00
“ “ Bro. R. M.,.....	10 00
“ “ “ A. R.,.....	50 00
“ “ “ H. E. M.,.....	5 00
“ “ “ S. F.,.....	5 00
Total Donations,.....	——\$120 00
Loan to Bro. W. S., on note,	40 00
Expenses—Stationery, Postage, Express Charges, and Printing Circulars,.....	13 88
Total Disbursements,.....	\$717 13
Balance, Cash in Treasurer's hands,.....	227 62
Amount of Disbursements and Balance,.....	\$944 75

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Assets.

Cash on hand,.....	\$227 62
Due from Anthracite Lodge, No. 136, Penn.,.....	77 50
“ “ Mercantile Lodge, No. 47, New York,.....	28 00
“ “ Piscataqua Lodge, No. 6, New Hampshire,...	25 00
“ “ Covenant Lodge, No. 35, New York,.....	60 00
“ “ Madison Lodge, No. 98, Baltimore,.....	12 00
“ “ Stockton Lodge, No. 11, Cal.,.....	48 00
Bills Receivable, J. G. R's note,.....	\$25 00
“ “ F. G. T's note,.....	20 00
“ “ R. M's note,.....	10 00
“ “ S's note,.....	40 00
	—— 95 00
Amount carried forward,.....	\$573 12

Amount brought forward,.....	\$573 12
R. R. L., of Springfield, Ill., owes us.....	50 00
G. W. D., balance of his account,.....	45 00
H. W., express charges on his account,.....	2 25
Total,.....	<u>\$670 37</u>

Loss.

During this term the following loss has been ascertained, viz.:—

On March 11th, a communication from Cerro Gordo Lodge, No. 46, Tennessee, enclosing the draft of R. D. F. for \$35, protested, was received. *Cause:* that said R. D. F. was not a member of the Order, he having withdrawn from said Lodge in 1854, and is a man of bad repute. This draft was for cash advanced to R. D. F., June 5th, 1859, to pay his passage home.

S T A T E M E N T *Of Representation of Lodges.*

Name of Lodge.	Delegate.	No. of Sessions.	Present.	Absent.	Repre- sentations.
California, No. 1,	S. S. Culverwell,.....	26	26	0	
“ “	Joseph Mayer,....	26	26	0	
Representations from California Lodge have been.....					52
San Francisco. No. 3,	Charles J. Farran,.....	26	22	4	
“ “	W. W. Armstrong,.....	26	21	5	
Representations from San Francisco Lodge have been ...					43
Harmony, No. 13,	P. G., A. Himmelmann, ..	26	24	2	
“ “	John Kohlmoos,.....	26	23	2	
Representations from Harmony Lodge have been					47
Yerba Buena, No. 15,	James Benson,	26	25	1	
“ “	John S. Reed,.....	26	25	1	
Representations from Yerba Buena Lodge have been....					50
Templar, No. 17,	Armstrong Maltbie,.....	26	25	1	
“ “	Geo. A. Van Bokkelen, ..	26	14	12	
Representations from Templar Lodge have been					39
Magnolia, No. 29,	Frank D. Morrill,.....	26	25	1	
“ “	Adolph Falk,	26	25	1	

Representations from Magnolia Lodge have been.....	50
Bay City, No. 71,.... Abraham Bloek,.....	26 23 3
“ “ Benjamin Price,.....	26 19 7
Representations from Bay City Lodge have been.....	42
The average representation from Lodges is.....	.46 1-7

RECAPITULATION.

Brothers sick and remaining on the hands of the committee from last term,.....	1
Brothers reported sick during the term,	10
Brothers reported in distress, destitute, and relieved,	5
Widowed families relieved,.....	1
Brothers discharged well,	6
Brothers left the city sick,.....	1
Brothers died and buried,.....	1
Brothers sick and remaining under care of the committee,..	3
Receipts of cash, including balance on hand Jan. 1, ...	\$944 75
Amount of benefits paid sick brothers,.....	432 25
“ “ donations,.....	120 00
Amount paid for burying the dead,.....	111 00
Loans to destitute brothers,.....	40 00
Expenses,	13 88
Losses,.....	35 00
Cash in Treasurer's hands,.....	227 62
Total assets of the committee,.....	670 37
Average of representations from Lodges,	46 1-7

Lodges whose representations have been above the average are four, viz.: California, No. 1, Harmony, No. 13, Yerba Buena, No. 15, and Magnolia, No. 29.

Lodges whose representation has been below the average, are three, viz.: San Francisco, No. 3, Templar, No. 17, and Bay City, No. 71.

In conclusion we would state that the sessions of the committee have been conducted in harmony and brotherly love; that the delegates have been attentive to the duties assigned them, and have manifested a zeal worthy of Odd Fellows, both as re-

gards sick and destitute brothers who have called on them for relief, and also for the interests of the Order at large.

The financial affairs of the committee have had our particular attention devoted to them, and all delinquent Lodges have been written to, and urged to pay the amounts which they severally owe to this committee.

In addition to the above, your committee, on May 13th, appointed a sub-committee to collect the several resolutions relating to the legality of general relief committees, which have been passed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the Grand Lodge of the State of California; all of which were collected, and five hundred copies printed in circular form for the use of this committee, and a copy of the same sent to each Lodge in this city.

We have also sent a copy thereof to each and every Lodge that is indebted to the committee, and that hereafter, whenever a draft shall be forwarded to any Lodge for benefits paid to a member thereof, a copy of said circular will be enclosed therewith.

Having now arrived at that time when we must soon give place to our successors, we shall resign to you that sacred and important trust you so confidently placed in our hands, and hereafter our hope will be that the good works of the General Relief Committee may extend in a measure commensurate with the progress of Odd Fellowship, and that it may continue to be, as it now is, the "city of refuge" and the "haven of rest" for every sick or distressed Odd Fellow who may be cast within its jurisdiction.

ARMSTRONG MALTBIE, *President.*

JAMES BENSON, *Secretary.*



I. O. O. F. GENERAL RELIEF COMMITTEE OF SAN FRANCISCO.

The General Relief Committee I. O. O. F. of San Francisco, California, instituted December, 1852, and comprised of the N. G's and V. G's of the seven subordinate Lodges of this city, was organized for the purpose of affording relief to Brothers belonging to other jurisdictions. Some difficulty having arisen between this Committee and Lodges in other States, in consequence of the existence of this body not being generally known, and its legality not being usually recognized, we refer to proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the U. S., pages 1,947, 2,104, 2,115, 2,116, 2,150, and resolution 2,151, and the adoption of the same, page 2,180, as follows:

Resolved, That upon the issuing of a visiting card by a subordinate Lodge or Encampment, the Secretary or Scribe thereof shall endorse upon it the amount of weekly and funeral benefits allowed by the Constitution and By-Laws of said Lodge or Encampment, and that it shall be bound for any relief extended to a Brother holding such a card to the extent of the benefits so rendered.


Resolved, That when a subordinate Lodge or Encampment or General Relief Committee is applied to for relief by a Brother holding a card, such Lodge, Encampment or General Relief Committee shall, upon the certificate of a respectable physician, showing the time that the Brother has been sick, and shall take a draft upon his Lodge or Encampment for whatever amount he may have received, which, with the certificate, shall be forwarded for payment; *Provided*, that in the event of the death of a Brother and his being buried by the Lodge, Encampment or General Relief Committee, it shall only be necessary to forward the physician's certificate, together with his card, and a proper voucher for the amount so advanced.

Resolved, That Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to transmit to the several Grand Bodies under this jurisdiction, as early as practicable after the adjournment of the present session, a copy of the foregoing resolutions.

The General Relief Committee of this city is recognized and endorsed by the Grand Lodge of California, session of 1854, page 59, by the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge recognizes the organization and legality of the General Relief Committee of the city of San Francisco, instituted December, 1852, and all other organizations of a similar character.

Resolved, That the General Relief Committee of this jurisdiction have, and they are hereby given full power to grant relief, to demand a return of moneys expended, and have charge of all things relating to visiting Brothers holding good and valid cards asking for relief.

 In addition to the above, see Benefits and Reliefs, Grand Lodge United States, proceedings and digest.